

THE COUNTY.

Grand Ridge Ripples.
GRAND RIDGE, Jan. 17.—News are scarcer than hen's teeth.

H. S. Crane was in our burg on Wednesday.
Mr. Dominy, the nursery agent, left here Wednesday evening for Ottawa. Henry Nagle was in Ottawa on Thursday.

E. C. Snedaker and wife attended the funeral of W. H. Watson of Pontiac.

James Anderson and wife were called to Pontiac last Friday by the sickness of Mr. Watson.

J. P. Boyd killed hogs on Tuesday of this week.

Alfred Ratcliffe of Ottawa made a short call on friends here Wednesday.

No coal at the electric works for Wednesday evening.

Walter Fogle has an attack of the influenza, but says he does not relish it much.

Frank Bangs has been helping Jake Luckey with his sheller this week.

Byron Read made a trip to Ottawa on Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson returned to Ottawa on Friday of last week.

The M. E. folks are not holding meetings this week on account of the weather and roads.

The inclemency of the weather prohibited service in the C. P. church last Sunday evening.

A Mr. Sanders of Ottawa gave our burg a call on Wednesday.

Walter Dearth arrived from Dixon on Friday of last week.

Nazer Moss, living northeast of town, made Grand Ridge a short call on Tuesday.

John Core reports trade good. He is buying a great deal of stock of different kinds.

Jake Luckey traded horses with his brother Amos the latter part of last week.

W. A. Dearth shelled corn on Tuesday.

A new crossing has been placed in front of the C. P. church—a much needed one.

There has been a great rush for stamps at the postoffice this week.

Our merchants are squaring up 1889 accounts as fast as possible. If you are in arrears, give them a call.

Gib Finley is recovering from the effects of the influenza.

Evans Finley returned from Pa. on Friday of last week. He made a short stay "back yonder."

The editor of the *Index* was in Ottawa on Thursday.

The cold snap checked work on George Jones' house.

George Jones is selling his stock of honey at a great bargain.

Mrs. John Fulton returned from Chicago on Wednesday. She reports Mrs. Jennie Fulton much better.

Mrs. Jackson and daughter Retta will soon move to Aurora for their future home.

Jake Luckey will farm Geo. Jones' place the coming year.

Jake Luckey has purchased his brother Amos' part of the cornsheller, and is now ready to shell for those calling on him. We will guarantee a good job if he undertakes it.

Many thanks to the editor of the *La Salle Democrat* for his kindly remarks on the "one horse village of Grand Ridge." We presume the editor never had the pleasure of walking our streets and boulevards.

If there is anything that will draw a crowd in Grand Ridge in a few minutes it is a couple of the boys wrestling, and such was the amusement for a while on Saturday evening. The affair was nothing that would cause a disturbance of the peace, but instead a little innocent sport for the lookers-on.

Galloway Cleanings.
GALLOWAY, Jan. 17.—Since our last week's report Peter Smith returned from Chicago, without treatment other than medicine. He was threatened with cancer of the neck, though only a swelling was visible. He went to Chicago to the Alexian Bros' hospital, and there they cut his neck and cut away a cancer of tumor and removed the swelling. He came home apparently all right, but after being at home for a short time he began to feel that he was again getting his trouble, so he went to the city the second time. Two operations were performed then, and he was then sent to Rush Medical College. They sent him home for a couple of weeks, to return and have an operation performed. He took cold since his return and Dr. Ives is attending him.

Hon. C. L. Hoffman has a cow that has lost the use of her hind limbs, therefore she is unable to rise.

Kniffin Cartwright called at this office Tuesday morning.

Messrs. Halcot, Peterson and Chamberlain took the 5 o'clock train Monday evening for Streator and returned at 9 on a freight.

Mr. E. E. Elliott has his pony so far broken that he can ride it very nicely.

Last Saturday was a nice, warm day, and our postmaster saw two foxes run across Mr. Elliott's meadow. They seemed to be after a rabbit in a pile of hedge when he first saw them.

Quite a good many butchers have called during the past 10 days. Something unusual.

Mr. William Hoffman and sister Bertha came home from school on Saturday morning, and returned on the 5 o'clock train Monday evening.

During the week our mail carrier reports having lost two brothers-in-law, one in Ottawa, Daniel Dunn (whose death we saw in the *FREE TRADER*), and the other one of Welmer Meyers' sons, Frank Meyers, raised and brought up in this township—a good and straightforward young man—who was only married to Miss Lizzie McLaughlin, of Farm Ridge, one year ago. They moved to Livingston county, on a farm. Mrs. Meyers sent word to her folks that Frank was sick, soon after that he was dying, again that he was dead, and the sad news arrived at the same time. Matthew McLaughlin went to his sister at once. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved families.

Seneca Sayings.
Miss Nora Taylor, who has been visiting relatives in Ottawa and Streator, returned home on Saturday. We hear she had the misfortune to have her pocket book stolen while in Ottawa. It contained two rings and a small sum of money.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter intend going to Florida next week.

John Harney has returned from Tiskilwa. He expects to remain here for some time to come.

The grip seems to have got a pretty good hold on some of the people of Seneca.

Will McCann and bride, of Chicago, visited his parents here last week.

Miss Nellie Vaughney was compelled to give up on Thursday last, on account of the grip. She returned to her duties on Tuesday.

C. O'Loughlin died on last Wednesday, of consumption. He leaves a large family to mourn his loss.

Willie Ferguson, of White's Hotel, Ottawa, ate supper with Mark Taylor on Tuesday.

Mrs. Burroughs went to Indiana last week to see her father, who is dangerously ill.

We see that Julius Wendel, who was confined to his house last week, on account of the influenza, is able to be around.

Rutland.
RUTLAND, Jan. 16.—The mercury struck zero this morning.

The roads are very rough so we go on not if we want to get there quick. La Grippe has struck Wedron. Nearly half the school children are absent.

Lee Aubrey is convalescent.

M. Peddicord butchered hogs last Wednesday.

V. Conard sawed wood this week.

We have heard that while Edward Peddicord, of Livingston, was out gunning, his gun burst, tearing his hand into shreds, so that amputation became necessary.

Last Saturday night when Harry Pitzer was returning home from Wedron, his horse took fright at a flock of geese and became unmanageable, throwing his rider into a wire fence. Harry was somewhat scratched but not seriously.

Milton Peddicord lost a very valuable horse last Sunday. To all appearances the horse was as well as ever within three minutes of his death. Cause unknown.

We understand that Sam Bigford has rented a farm west of Ottawa for this year and that he will move soon.

Mr. Louis Gibson and wife, of Iowa, are spending a few weeks with his father, Mr. Geo. Gibson, of Rutland.

Wanted—A blacksmith is wanted in Wedron. Since the death of Mr. J. Iberghon, Wedron is without a smith.

John Thompson keeps his circular saw in order and the way he makes the wood fly is a caution.

H. S. Gilbert is rebuilding his warehouse in Wedron. The mason work is done. We understand the new house is to be some larger than the old one.

School district No. 2 had a couple of visitors one day last week, and judging from the report we think they acted very unmanly. Come again, boys, but act more civil next time.

Daniel Mason, of Wedron, has taken the contract for furnishing three hundred railroad ties to be used in the switch running to Mr. Shauntz' new sand pit at Wedron.

The old question of "fire or water" was again thoroughly debated on last Saturday night by the sand boys of Wedron. It was decided and the question forever settled that water was by far the most destructive. The arguments both pro and con were well made. Next Saturday night they propose to find out which of the two races, black or red, have suffered most from the pale face.

Freedom.
FREEDOM, Jan. 16.—A heavy rain storm Sunday.

The roads are very rough and bad to travel.

The grangers had a grand feast at the Harding church last Saturday and all had a good time.

They are still holding protracted meetings at Harding.

Mr. E. A. Peterson is going to hold a sale January 23. He has some very fine horses to sell.

Quite a number from Seneca visited the singing school at the Bend church last Saturday night.

Charley Roberts is visiting friends at Grand Ridge this week.

Alvin Whitmore sold a fine colt to Cal Christy. We didn't learn the price.

Mr. A. G. Tucker expects to go to Racine before long, where he will stay a couple of months.

Harmon Brennan expects to start for the new state of Washington Monday.

Will Leason was out in Ophir during the blizzard.

Mr. L. N. Hess shipped two car loads of cattle to Chicago Wednesday from Wedron.

P. Collins went to Chicago Wednesday.

Walter Bradshaw was at Twin Bluffs last Saturday.

Frank Condon has given up the fudge farm which he had rented for the coming year.

Messrs. Henry and George Poul intend holding a sale next Wednesday.

The cold snap will be most heartily welcomed by the grip-stricken influenza-ridden people of this section of the country. Three or four days of cold, bracing weather may have the effect of wiping out the last trace of the prevailing epidemic.

If the weather of the last six weeks kept up we may expect to see the gardeners making garden. Some people are beginning to believe that the north pole has skipped 4,000 or 5,000 miles and this is the torrid zone. Nothing can do more to dispel this suspicion than just such a blizzard as we had Sunday night and so let the snow come; we are here first.

BREEZE.
GARFIELD, Ill., Jan. 16, '90.—The cold wave has struck us, and many colds and noses is the result.

Mike Formhals slipped away on the quiet, but somebody seen you, Mike. How is Melia?

Joe Hepler caught a wolf just on the border of Eagle this week. Many presents by the people, but no bounty from the county.

Dr. Devos is kept quite busy this changeable weather. May Jennett and Oliver Winter have severe sore throats, and Bernard Jennett has inflammatory rheumatism.

Clark Downey and wife were visiting in Garfield this week from Wenona.

The Lostant Glee Club give a dance in Garfield last Thursday night. Prof. Edward Hoarty furnished music.

WHAT WOMEN ARE ABOUT.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM GATHERED BY ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER.

Remarkable Article on the Woman Question by Grant Allen—A Backing Invention—Women Voters Who Pray—Young Ladies for Private Secretaries.

[Copyright, 1890.]

That was a remarkable article on the woman question by Grant Allen, reprinted in *The Popular Science Monthly* from *The English Fortnightly Review*.

Mr. Allen contends that men are far more advanced on the real woman question than women themselves are.

Briefly his views and those of "advanced" men are: Give every advantage of property, education, etc., to women. Give them political activity, personal independence and physical culture.

Let the ones that must earn their own living have every facility for doing so. But, after all, marriage and the general support of women by the men of a community are the true ideal.

Half the children born die in infancy. In order to keep the race going at its present number, every woman must average four children. If she is the mother she should be to these, she cannot have time for much else.

The maintenance and highest development of the race are of the first importance, therefore women should be released from bread winning, as a rule. Mothers women must be, whether they are wives or not.

In the estimation of Grant Allen and the advanced men, and the motherhood is of infinitely more importance than the wifehood. It may be necessary to reconstruct the whole system of society and of the relations of the sexes, Mr. Allen hints, in order that mothers may be "as strong, as wise, as free, as sane, as healthy, as earnest and as efficient as we can make them."

This reconstruction he believes men are more ready for than women. "As a body we are, I think, prepared to reconsider, and to reconsider fundamentally, without prejudice or preconception, the entire question of the relations between the sexes—which is a great deal more than the women are prepared to do."

... The slavishness begotten in women by the regime of men is what we have most to fight against, not the slave driving instinct of the men—now happily becoming obsolete, or even changing into a sincere desire to do equal justice."

Mr. Allen apparently forgets that in the ideal civilization, which we are approaching, half the children born will no longer die in infancy. Also, as to women's marrying or remaining single, it is to be hoped he will graciously permit them to do as they please about it.

A woman has invented a bath shoe and a music rack. When will a man invent something better than a music rack and a bath shoe? Far too many of the sex make racking music already.

It is becoming the custom, and a very good one it is, too, for busy women to have young ladies for private secretaries. The feminine private secretary is especially useful to women who have heavy social duties to perform. She keeps the run of the visiting list, answers notes and makes engagements and excuses. Her duties require an excellent education, high bred manners and the greatest tact and delicacy.

Mrs. Morton, wife of the vice president, has such a secretary in the person of Miss Nellie Hunt, daughter of the late minister to Russia. Mrs. Whitney had a charming young lady private secretary when her husband was secretary of the navy.

In the play of the future, the son of the house will fall in love with the private secretary instead of with the governess.

In the cities women in the trades and professions who club together in twos and threes and take apartments and keep house for themselves are called girl bachelors. They make dainty and beautiful homes, and are too busy to quarrel.

The fact that women can thus live together in peace and harmony is a sure sign of the rapid evolution of the sex. The girl bachelor has come to stay.

Henry George on the woman question: "I do not propose to attempt to answer the question as to the best field for woman's work. Women should answer that themselves."

Miss Sartain has established in her school of design at Philadelphia a woman's life class for study from the nude. Whereupon The Ledger ventures to hope that the wooden lady figure that now represents the human form in the pictures of ambitious women artists will gradually disappear from the canvas.

Women, too, are beginning to recognize that if an artist does any work worth while, he must paint his figures from the living model.

Mrs. Emma Forsythe, who has 150,000 acres of land on an island near New Guinea, is the largest real estate owner in the world. She gives employment to more than 500 people.

The New York Woman's Press club has been launched under splendid auspices, with Jenny June (Mrs. J. C. Croly) as its president.

At the last Boston municipal election there was a feature unique in the history of balloting. Women voted for members of the school committee, and during the election a society of ladies met in Faneuil hall and prayed for the success of their candidates.

There is a girl in Smith county, Kan., who needs no Indian club or dumb bell practice to keep her in condition. In five hours' time, lately, she husked and cribbed sixty bushels of corn and won \$50 on a wager.

The Pharmaceutical society and Apothecaries' hall, of Great Britain, grant full diplomas to women who pass examination as druggists. One of the graduated women druggists is permanently employed in the London Ear and Throat hospital, another is the dispenser at the Children's hospital at Brighton, while a third, Miss Martha Moore, has full charge of the drug department of the East End mission.

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